

**Interagency Agreement
Related To School-Based Medicaid
Between
Idaho State Department of Education
And The
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare**

PURPOSE FOR THE AGREEMENT:

The purpose of this agreement is to define and clarify responsibilities of each agency to ensure a coordinated, comprehensive service delivery system focusing on students, age 3-21, who meet qualifications for IDEA and Medicaid School-Based services. Students, families, and communities are best served when agencies communicate to facilitate relationships and interagency collaboration.

The State Department of Education serves as the lead agency at the state level for the provision of a free and appropriate public education for students ages 3-21 who are eligible for special education services in Idaho. The State Department of Education also provides oversight to the agencies and programs that provide special education and related services to students ages 3-21 under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004).

The Department of Health and Welfare serves as the lead agency at the state level for the provision of School-Based Medicaid policy development, adherence to IDAPA rule in relations to school-based Medicaid and related services, and the fiscal reimbursement of eligible school-based Medicaid services.

With respect to both parties and their obligations regarding the provision of quality special education and medically necessary services to students and families, the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Welfare commit to the following:

PROVISION A: MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Welfare commit to an ongoing Medicaid Advisory Committee that meets at least quarterly to review regulatory or legislative changes, policy implementation, application of rule, and other applicable subjects/issues.

Medicaid Advisory Committee Members will include:

- Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Medicaid, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services: Bureau Chief and Alternative Care Coordinator for Children/school-based Services
- Department of Health and Welfare, Medicaid Program Integrity Unit
- State Department of Education
- School District Special Education Directors
 - 2 Representatives from Northern Idaho
 - 2 Representatives from Eastern Idaho

- 2 Representatives from Southwestern
- 1 Representative from a Charter School
 - *Representation should reflect small, large, rural and urban districts
- Parent Representation for Idaho Parents Unlimited

PROVISION B: QUALITY ASSURANCE AND DESK REVIEW

The State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Welfare commit to collaboratively develop a quality assurance and desk review process that will be conducted through a random sampling.

The desk review conducted with the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Welfare is for Quality Assurance purposes. The findings of the desk review will drive the quality improvement strategies to improve school-based Medicaid implementation. This review does not prohibit or replace other surveys or audits as identified in IDAPA 16.03.09.857 and IDAPA 16.05.07. The Department of Health and Welfare and the State Department of Education will follow all rules and regulations that are identified in Idaho code and statutes.

PROVISION C: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Welfare will collaborate to determine training and technical assistance needs and to coordinate and share training and technical assistance opportunities for Local Educational Agencies (LEA's) personnel in regard to school-based Medicaid rules, policies, and implementation practices. The Department of Health and Welfare is not responsible for providing professional development to the State Department of Education or the LEA's. The Department of Health and Welfare commits to jointly assisting the State Department of Education in identifying training opportunities.

Training Opportunities will include but not be limited to:

- Face to face training at least every other year in (7) locations statewide: Coeur d'Alene, Moscow, Nampa, Boise, Twin Falls, Pocatello, Idaho Falls.
- Maintain the Department of Health and Welfare school-based Medicaid Website.
- Collaborative webinars when regulatory or legislative changes occur.
- Collaborative training utilizing quality improvement strategies.

PROVISION D: PROCEDURAL PROTOCOL

The State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Welfare commit to jointly address district implementation of school-based Medicaid services by communication between the two agencies. The two agencies will collaboratively address district implementation concerns to provide cohesive guidance. If the two agencies do not reach agreement, the Medicaid Advisory Committee will be consulted for additional guidance. Any question of implementation shall be resolved in accordance with the rules and written policy of IDAPA regulation governing school-based Medicaid.

GENERAL PROVISIONS:

The provisions of this agreement may be extended, modified, or changed upon a written amendment signed by both parties, and such amendment when so signed, will become a part of this agreement. This agreement becomes effective on the date signed by all parties. The agreement is automatically renewed on July 1 of each year unless either party requests a review of the agreement prior to June 1. Either party may terminate this agreement with a 30 day notice to the other party.

Signatures:

By: _____ Date: _____

Tom Luna
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

By: _____ Date: _____

Richard M. Armstrong
Director, Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

